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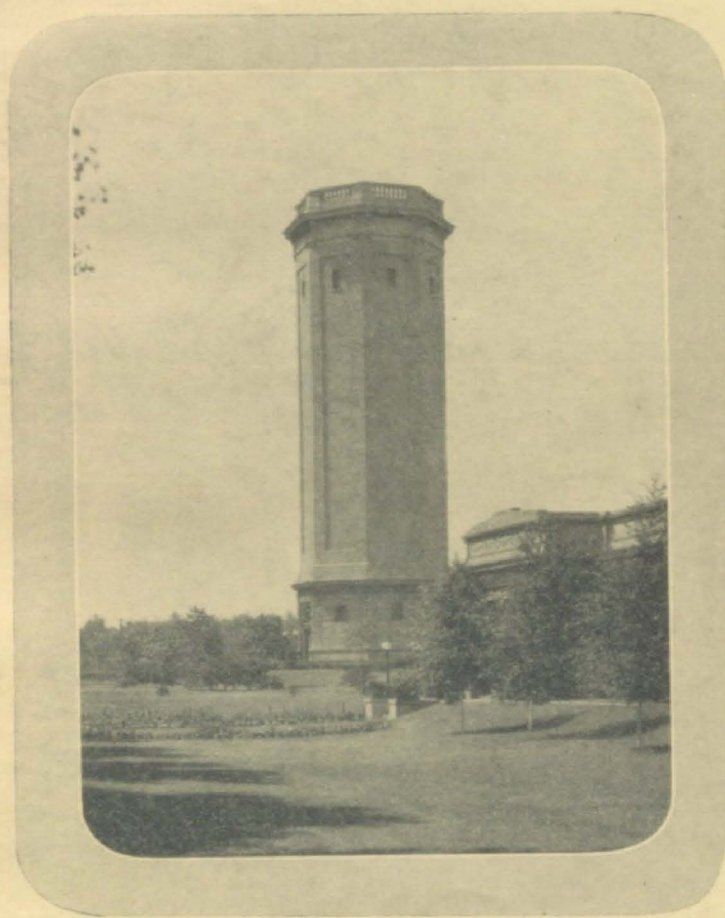
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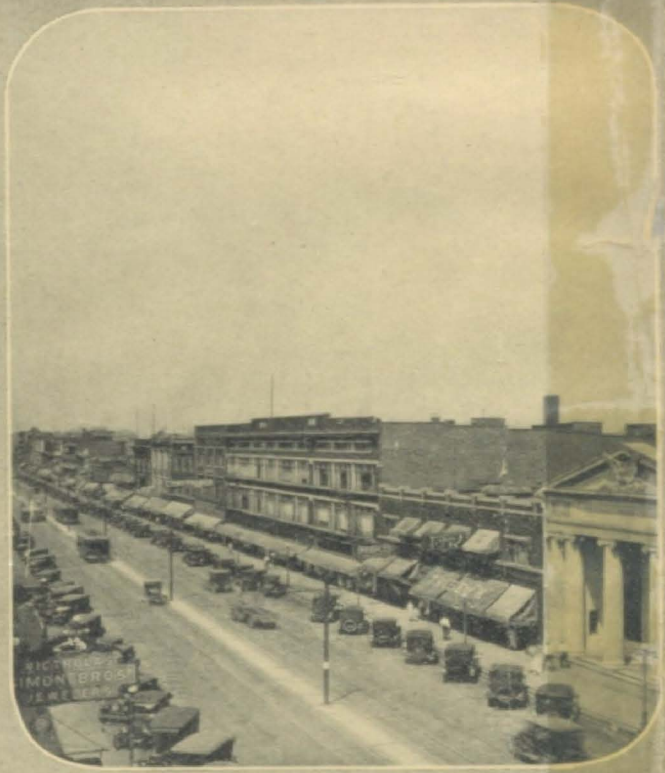
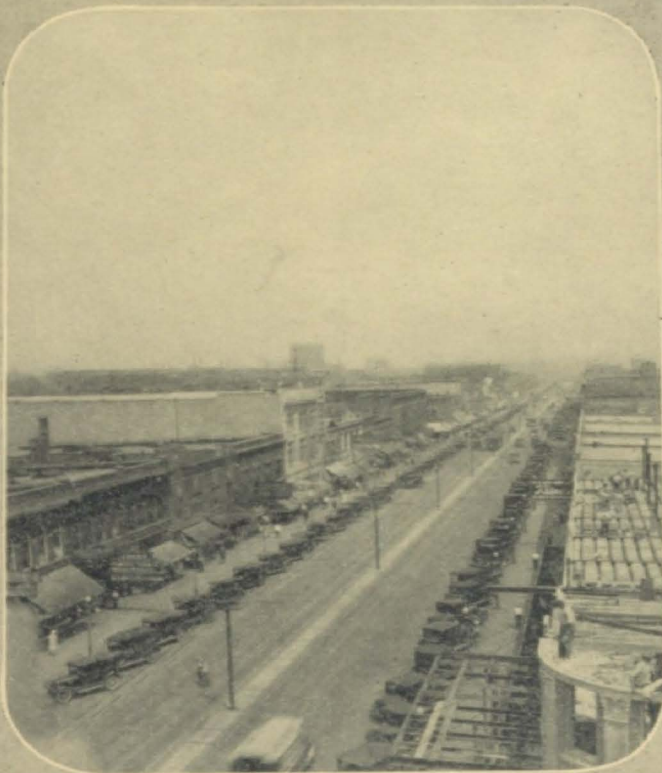
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GARY

<i>Location</i>	The City of Gary, Metropolis of the Calumet Region of Northern Indiana, is located in Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana, at the extreme southern end of Lake Michigan, 26 miles southeast of Chicago and 163 miles northwest of Indianapolis.	
<i>Historical</i>	In the Fall of the year 1905, the United States Steel Corporation decided to build a steel works in the Chicago district. Determining factors in the selection of the site of its Western plants were: location midway between the ore beds of the North and the coal fields of the South, excellency of water and rail transportation facilities, accessibility to unlimited water supply, proximity to markets and labor supply, and availability of large tracts of undeveloped land. Accordingly, the construction of Gary Works began in April 1906. The City was incorporated in July 1906 and was named for Elbert Henry Gary, Chairman of the Board, United States Steel Corporation.	
<i>Climate</i>	The average temperature and precipitation in the Calumet Region for the past 52 years has been as follows:	
	Average Mean Maximum Temperature	56.2 degrees Fahrenheit
	Average Mean Minimum Temperature	42.2 degrees Fahrenheit
	Average Mean Temperature	49.2 degrees Fahrenheit
	Average Annual Precipitation	33.02 inches
<i>Topography</i>	Gary is 589.226 feet above sea level and 19.583 feet above lake level. Situated on a level site of fine sand which once formed the bed of Lake Michigan, the city is divided by the Grand and Little Calumet Rivers. Burns Ditch, draining the Little Calumet River into Lake Michigan, will reclaim, when completed, 17,000 acres of waste land in Lake and Porter Counties, of which 2,000 acres are within the city limits of Gary, adding \$10,000,000 to the value of land in and immediately adjacent to the City of Gary. The Ditch, now under construction, will cost \$365,000.	
<i>Area</i>	Incorporated-----40.83 square miles-----26,131.20 acres. Industrial-----4.5 square miles-----2,880.00 acres. Residential-----9.1 square miles-----5,824.00 acres. Undeveloped-----27.23 square miles-----17,427.20 acres.	
<i>Population</i>	Government Census 1910-----16,802. Government Census 1920-----55,378. School Census 1925-----81,888.	

GOVERNMENT

<i>Aldermanic Form</i>	Fifteen councilmen, elected one from each of 10 wards and 5 from the city-at-large, comprise the City Council. The offices of Mayor, City Treasurer, City Clerk and City Judge are elective; other offices are appointive.
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Rating

Gary is rated as a third-class city by the Indiana Inspection Bureau.

Fire Depart- ment

A completely motorized fire department, 6 modern stations, 80 employees, 687 fire hydrants and 85 combination fire alarm boxes adequately protect the city from fire hazards.



41ST AVENUE FIRE STATION

The water works systems of Gary and one other Indiana city enjoy the highest rating, from a fire protection standpoint, of all cities in the state.

A minimum water pressure of 50 pounds, capable of instant development to 100-110 pounds is at all times maintained.

Police Depart- ment

A police department of 106 employees includes a chief, 2 captains, 11 sergeants, 74 patrolmen, park and traffic officers, a Bertillon superintendent, a matron, a juvenile officer, 4 policewomen and 11 other department employees.

Special equipment consists of one patrol, one private automobile, 4 motorcycles, 45 signal boxes and a modern Bertillon system.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Assessed Valuation

The total assessed valuation of the taxable property in the City of Gary in 1925 is \$131,006,810, divided as follows:

Lands	\$ 25,574,340.00
Improvements	58,910,705.00
Total Lands and Improvements.....	\$ 84,485,045.00
Deduct Mortgage Exemptions.....	2,550,160.00
Net Value of Real Estate.....	\$ 81,934,885.00
Steam and Electric Railways.....	18,745,580.00
Telephones, Telegraphs, Express and Public Utilities	4,855,800.00
Personal	25,470,545.00
Total Net Taxables.....	\$131,006,810.00

Per Capita Wealth

Using the total net taxables as a base, the per capita wealth in 1925 is \$1599.82.

Credit Rating

The City of Gary enjoys an AAA-1 credit rating in the municipal bond market.

*Bonded
Indebted-
ness*

The bonded indebtedness December 31, 1924 was \$867,500.00. The bonds were issued principally for park improvements, fire and police stations, and refunding purposes. They bear interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ to 6%, and are retired serially (up to 1941).

The bonding capacity of the City in 1925 is \$2,626,166.70, subject to mortgage exemptions, and is limited to 2% of the total assessed valuation.

*Receipts
and
Disburse-
ments*

Receipts and disbursements in the general fund for the year ending December 31, 1924 were:

Balance January 1, 1924.....	\$ 182,772.90
Receipts	817,678.66
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Total Receipts.....	\$1,000,451.56
Total Disbursements.....	825,076.08
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Balance December 31, 1924.....	\$ 175,375.48

*Budget
System*

The efficient administration of the City's fiscal affairs is due largely to the consistent application of a modern budget system.

T A X E S

Law

The Indiana law provides that tax assessments shall be based on the true cash value of the property. The market price or earning capacity is used in determining the assessed valuation. Valuation of buildings is based uniformly in Calumet Township upon the cubic contents of the property.

Rate

The tax rate for Gary in 1925 is \$2.96, divided as follows:

State of Indiana.....	\$.28
Lake County34
Calumet Township.....	1.42
City of Gary.....	.92
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Total	\$2.96

Poll Tax

The Indiana law also provides that a poll tax shall be assessed upon every male inhabitant between the ages of 21 and 50 years. A poll tax of \$1.00 is assessed by the State.

U T I L I T I E S

Power

*Gary Heat,
Light &
Water Co.*

6600 volt, 25 cycle, 3 phase, alternating current for all commercial and industrial purposes is generated by the Illinois Steel Company, sold to and distributed by the Gary Heat, Light & Water Company.

Washed blast furnace gas operates thirty-four 3,000 horse-power engines, each of which generates 2500 KW. Four sub-stations located advantageously about the city distribute and step down the power from 6600 to 2300 volts.

Miles of wire in transmission and distribution lines 824; meters in service 16,600.



GENERAL OFFICES
GARY HEAT, LIGHT & WATER COMPANY CALUMET GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

*Calumet
Gas &
Electric
Company*

This company maintains its general offices in Gary and serves 73 communities in Northern Indiana. It does no commercial or residential business in Gary, but supplies electrical energy for the operation of the Gary Street Railway, Gary and Hobart Traction Company, and the Gary and Valparaiso Railway Company. Power is supplied from the 132,000 KW super-power sub-station at Aetna, just east of Gary.

Rates

All power rates are based on the connected load and demand charge and are authorized by the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Water

Supply

The water supply system in Gary is owned by the Gary Heat, Light & Water Company. The water, procured from Lake Michigan, is brought to the city through a concrete tunnel from a submerged crib located 1.5 miles from shore and 44 feet below surface.

The water is treated with liquid chlorine at the average rate of 2½ pounds per million gallons and is analyzed regularly by the distributor, the City Chemist and the State Board of Health.

Capacity

The average pumpage in 1924 was 5,100,000 gallons daily. The present capacity of the pumping units is 38,000,000 gallons daily, and of the tunnel 80,000,000 gallons daily, sufficient to serve a population of 250,000.

Miles of mains 94; meters in service 9,000.

Pressure

A minimum station pressure of 50 pounds is at all times maintained.

Rates

For first 20,000 gallons per month.....	\$.25 per 1000 gallons
For next 130,000 gallons per month.....	.10 per 1000 gallons
All over 150,000 gallons per month.....	.06 per 1000 gallons

Subject to discount of 10% if paid within ten days of date of bill.

Minimum charge for meters under 2" size .75 per month. Minimum charge for meters 2" size and over based on discharge capacity. Practically all service is metered.

Special rates are effective for construction work, street improvement and for temporary uses.

All rates are authorized and approved by the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Gas

Manufactured Gas for all commercial, industrial and household purposes is manufactured at the coke ovens of the Illinois Steel Company, sold to and distributed by the Gary Heat, Light & Water Company.

The coke ovens consist of 10 batteries of 70 ovens each, 700 ovens. The ovens have a carbonizing capacity of 13,000 tons of coal, producing 10,000 tons of coke and 140,000,000 cubic feet of gas per 24 hours.

Miles of mains 71 ; meters in service 13,200.

Rates The rate for gas is one dollar (\$1.00) per thousand cubic feet, subject to discount of 10% if paid within ten days of date of bill. Minimum charge \$1.00 per month.

All rates are authorized by the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Natural There is no natural gas available in this territory.

Street Railways

Private Ownership The street railway system is owned and operated by the Gary Street Railway Company.

Miles of Track 45 miles of track serve every residential, recreational and industrial section of the city, affording direct entrance into the principal subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation. An additional 3 miles of track is under construction.

Schedules The base schedule of 27 cars is increased during rush hours to 65 cars. The frequency of service ranges from one to thirty minutes, depending upon the density of traffic.

Auxiliary Motor Bus Service The Company operates an auxiliary fleet of 20 large motor buses, serving Miller Beach, Lake Front Park and certain residential sections of the city. The Company also affords motor bus service to other communities served by its lines.

Fare Cash fare is 8c ; tickets 14 for \$1.00, 7 1-7c each ; school tickets 6 for \$0.25, 4 1-6c each ; including transfers on all divisions. Bus fare is 10c including transfers to all street railway divisions.

Motor Coach Lines The Company operates interurban motor coach lines between Gary, Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Calumet City, Highlands, Hammond, Crown Point, Cedar Lake and Lowell, interconnecting these points.

Equipment and Service The Company enjoys the distinction of maintaining one of the best physical properties in the country, rendering complete and adequate transportation service in Gary and surrounding territory, operating well-kept, modern safety cars on 90-pound rails of advanced type, steel ties, and concrete foundation and pavements. Transportation requirements occasioned by the city's unparalleled growth have been met by extensions amounting, in the past eight years, to \$1,500,000.

COMMUNICATION

Telephone

Service

Telephone service is supplied exclusively by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company. The number of stations is in excess of 8,000. Telephone wires within the business district are distributed largely through 9 miles of underground conduits. Express toll service is afforded to the cities in the Calumet Region.

Rates

Service	Business	Residence
Private Line -----	\$ 8.00	\$3.75
Two-party Line-----	6.50	3.25
Four-party Line -----		2.75
Extension -----	1.50	1.00
PBX, 3x7 Board-----	3.00	
PBX, Trunk -----	12.00	
PBX, Terminal-----	1.50	

All rates are authorized by the Indiana Public Service Commission.

Volume of Business

The average number of calls during the year 1924 is as follows:

Class	Per Day	Per Month
Local -----	54,000	1,600,000
Outgoing Long Distance----	1,500	43,000
Incoming Long Distance---	2,200	64,000

The total number of employees at the Gary exchange is 125, and the annual payroll \$145,000.00.

Western Union

This Company maintains one central office and employs 13 persons with an annual payroll of \$18,000.00.

Postoffice

Employees

Regular and substitute employees at the Gary postoffice number 69, with an annual payroll in 1924 of \$112,485.07.

Receipts at the Gary postoffice for the past 6 years are as follows:



GARY POSTOFFICE

Year	Receipts
1919 -----	\$121,286.70
1920 -----	127,779.55
1921 -----	118,601.83
1922 -----	120,913.40
1923 -----	148,772.82
1924 -----	170,396.07

TRANSPORTATION

Railways Trunk

The city is served by trunk lines of the following 6 steam railroads:

Baltimore & Ohio
Michigan Central
New York Central
Nickel Plate
Pennsylvania
Wabash

Industrial

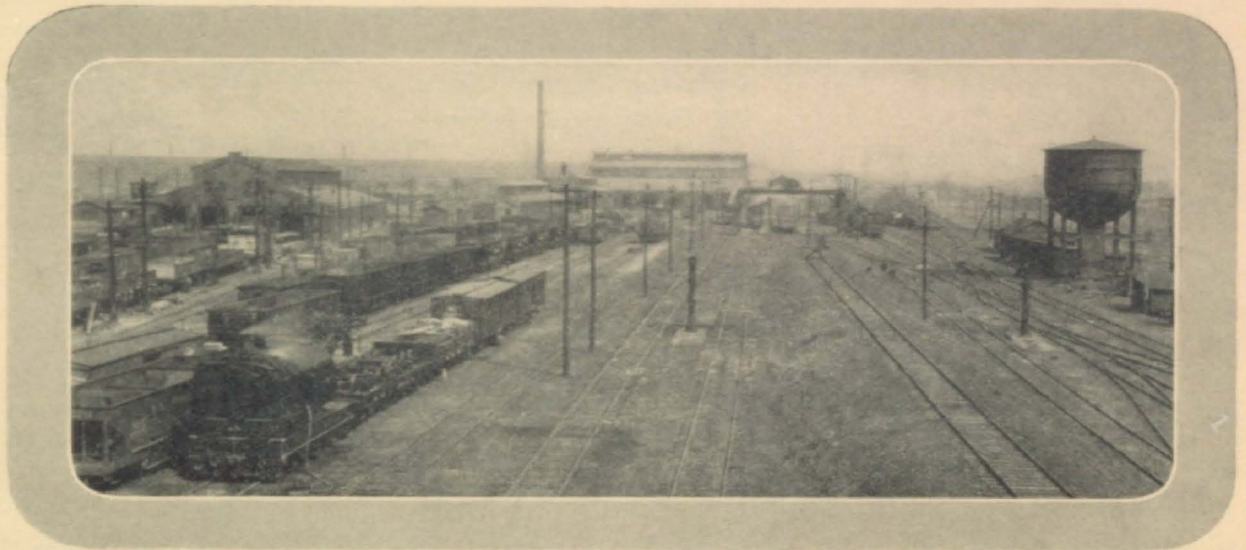
By the following industrial roads:

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern (Chicago Outer Belt Line)
Indiana Harbor Belt Line

Electric

And by the following electric roads:

Chicago, South Shore & South Bend
Interurban lines to Crown Point, Hammond, Hobart,
Indiana Harbor and Valparaiso



ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILROAD SHOPS AND YARDS

Freight Service

Through the excellent service rendered by the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad, which has connections with every road entering Chicago, Gary shipments to and from eastern points have a twenty-four to thirty-six hour advantage over Chicago where freight congestion is a serious problem.

Rates

On the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern and the Indiana Harbor Belt Lines, Gary is in the Chicago Freight Zone and the Chicago Switching District. Carload shipments to and from Gary on these roads take the Chicago rate. On certain commodities the Michigan Central also offers the Chicago rate. On all other roads the class and commodity rates obtain.

Manufacturers located in the Calumet Region attribute the constantly increasing volume of business in railroad equipment and supplies and in steel products generally to the saving in freight charges made effective with the abolition of "Pittsburg Plus." To only two of the twenty-four principal consuming centers served by Calumet District producers are the rates from Chicago higher than from Pittsburg. To Atlanta, Georgia, and Columbus, Ohio, Pittsburg enjoys an advantage of 9c and 3½c per 100 lb., respectively.

Freight rates on finished steel products from Pittsburg and Chicago to twenty-four principal consuming centers are as follows per 100 lb.:

To	From Pittsburg	From Chicago	To	From Pittsburg	From Chicago
Atlanta -----	\$0.58	\$0.67	Kansas City -----	0.735	0.35
Beaumont, Texas -----	0.705	0.49	Memphis -----	0.56	0.42
Birmingham -----	0.58	0.53	New Orleans -----	0.67	0.57
Casper, Wyoming -----	1.15	0.835	Omaha -----	0.735	0.35
Chattanooga -----	0.50	0.49	Pacific Coast -----	1.15	1.00
Chicago -----	0.34		St. Louis -----	0.43	0.35
Cincinnati -----	0.29	0.28	St. Paul -----	0.60	0.275
Columbus, Ohio -----	0.255	0.29	Shreveport -----	0.79	0.63
Dallas -----	0.885	0.69	Smackover, Arkansas --	0.82	0.60
Denver -----	1.15	0.82	Toledo -----	0.27	0.265
Detroit -----	0.29	0.275	Tulsa -----	0.885	0.645
Houston -----	0.89	0.49	Wichita -----	0.89	0.585
Indianapolis -----	0.31	0.25			

Car Loadings

Total car loadings originating at Gary in 1924 were 427,140.
Total car loadings consigned to Gary in 1924 were 478,069.

Passenger Service

The passenger stations of all steam and electric roads are conveniently located near the business district. 175 passenger trains arrive and depart each 24 hours.

Express trains between Gary and Chicago make the run in 45 minutes.



NEW YORK CENTRAL AND BALTIMORE & OHIO PASSENGER STATION

Rates

The regular fare to Chicago is at the rate of 3.6c per mile, minimum 95c. Twenty-five ride commutation tickets may be had at the rate of 43 3-5c per ride. Fifty-four ride monthly tickets may be had at the rate of 20 2-3c per ride.

Highways

Concrete, gravel and macadam highways 18-24 feet wide radiate in nine different directions from the City. Motor truck service is effective between Gary and the principal cities in the Calumet Region.

The city is served by the following well-marked, state and national trails and highways:

Ade Way
Dunes Highway
Industrial Highway
Jackson Highway
Liberty Way
Lincoln Highway
Yellowstone Trail

Waterways All industrial lake frontage within the city limits is privately owned or controlled by the United States Steel Corporation.

L A B O R

Character According to the school census of May 1, 1925, there are 54 nationalities represented in the population of Gary. Predominating are:

American (white) -----	37%
American (colored) -----	14%
Polish -----	11%
Slavish -----	7%
Austrian -----	4%
Hungarian -----	4%
Croatian -----	4%
German -----	3%
Italian -----	3%
Russian -----	2%
All Others -----	11%
	100%

Available Supply The average normal number of workers employed in Gary industries is 29,710. Over 90% of the workers are male and are employed in the several units of the United States Steel Corporation.

There is available at all times a large surplus of high-grade female workers.

Wages The average minimum wage for industrial male workers at the present time is 44c per hour; for female workers 25c per hour.

Residence The industrial workers reside in the east, south and north sections of the city, a majority living within walking distance of their employment.

American Plan With the exception of the building and printing trades, practically every establishment in Gary operates under the American Plan.

Scale The scales adopted by the building contractors and the building trades provide for the following minimum wages, a majority of which are effective to May 1, 1926:

	Gary Per Hour	Chicago Per Hour
Bricklayers	\$1.50	\$1.50
Carpenters	1.50	1.37½
Electricians	1.50	1.50
Laborers	1.00	.92½
Lathers	1.50	1.50
Painters	1.50	1.50
Plasterers	1.50	1.50
Plumbers	1.50	1.25
Roofers	1.25	1.25
Sheet Metal Workers	1.50	1.25
Structural Iron Workers	1.50	1.37½

The agreements also provide generally that all disputes shall be submitted to an arbitration committee and that there shall be no strikes or lock-outs during the terms of the agreements.

FUEL

Coal

Practically all coal used for industrial purposes is bituminous and comes from Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois or West Virginia. The following comparison shows the cost at mine, the freight rate, the cost in car load lots FOB Gary and the heat content of the several grades:

Source	Cost at Mine Per Ton	Freight Rate Per Ton	FOB Gary Per Ton	BTU Per Pound
Southern Indiana-----	\$2.00 to \$2.50	\$1.60 to \$1.90	\$3.90 to \$4.35	11,000 to 14,000
Southern Illinois-----	2.25 to 2.50	1.67 to 1.95	3.92 to 4.35	13,000 to 14,000
West Virginia-----	1.75 to 2.25	3.09	4.84 to 5.34	14,000 to 14,500

Oil

The Standard Oil Company and the Sinclair Refining Company are prepared to supply by truck or rail, in unlimited quantities, fuel of any desired gravity, from their Whiting or East Chicago refineries.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks and Trust Companies*

	Capital	Surplus and Undivided Profits	Total Deposits	Total Resources
American State Bank-----	\$ 50,000	\$ 31,457.74	\$ 922,409.76	\$ 1,003,867.50
Bankers' Trust Company-----	300,000	59,137.57	225,997.80	585,135.37
Commercial Trust Company-----	100,000	53,927.68	509,969.29	795,563.44
First National Bank-----	250,000	255,072.97	5,208,574.50	5,731,147.47
First State Bank of Tolleston---	50,000	18,195.05	517,061.78	590,256.83
Gary State Bank-----	200,000	308,357.93	4,025,182.93	4,533,540.86
Gary Trust & Savings Bank-----	100,000	53,231.86	1,355,727.77	1,508,959.63
Glen Park State Bank-----	25,000	4,224.20	278,181.45	308,501.47
Mid-City State Bank-----	100,000	42,788.08	584,083.34	726,871.42
Miller State Bank-----	15,200	1,480.00	61,652.39	79,381.14
National Bank of America-----	100,000	37,378.48	1,681,219.02	1,918,597.50
Peoples' State Bank-----	50,000	16,059.48	646,708.81	733,246.62
Second Mid-City State Bank-----	25,000	9,028.34	152,473.92	186,502.26
South Side Trust & Savings Bank	75,000	17,656.89	1,043,873.46	1,146,312.49
*As of June 30, 1925	\$1,440,200	\$907,996.27	\$17,213,116.22	\$19,847,884.00

Savings

Savings depositors in all Gary banks number in excess of 35,000; total savings deposits average in excess of \$7,500,000.

Clearings

Comparative clearings are as follows:

1919 -----	\$ 55,561,000
1920 -----	74,124,264
1921 -----	57,843,000
1922 -----	132,175,000
1923 -----	197,834,000
1924 -----	211,752,600
1925 (first 6 months)-----	126,437,052

With total resources of nearly \$20,000,000, Gary financial institutions are in excellent position to lend assistance to worthy enterprises.

Recognizing the fact that the healthful growth of the community depends upon the establishment of complementary, diversified and stabilizing industries, the policy of Gary banking institutions toward responsible new industries is a liberal one.

*Building,
Savings &
Loan
Associa-
tions*

	Assets	Stock In Force	Capitalization
American-Russian National Bldg. & Loan----	\$ 305,539.51	\$ 685,700.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
American Savings & Loan-----	75,932.68	180,000.00	1,000,000.00
Federal Savings & Loan-----	728,801.33	1,080,000.00	2,000,000.00
Glen Park Building & Loan-----			1,000,000.00
Home Bldg. & Loan-----	97,266.46	398,500.00	500,000.00
Mid-City Bldg., Savings & Loan-----	333,943.16	962,100.00	1,000,000.00
Miller Bldg. & Loan-----			250,000.00
Mutual Bldg. & Loan-----	421,515.51	826,800.00	1,000,000.00
Pulaski Bldg., Loan & Savings-----	141,724.32	286,100.00	1,000,000.00
Rural Savings & Loan-----			
Slovak Savings & Loan-----	41,780.84	78,900.00	250,000.00
State Mutual Savings & Loan-----		1,500,000.00	5,000,000.00
Union National Savings & Loan-----			
Wachowski, Albert, Savings & Loan-----	175,929.55	393,400.00	500,000.00
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	\$2,322,433.36	\$6,391,500.00	\$13,250,000.00

Gary building, savings and loan associations are assisting materially in meeting the housing requirements of the city.

CONSTRUCTION

*Building
Permits*

The substantial growth of the City of Gary is indicated by the number* and value of building permits issued during the past six years:

Year	Number of Permits	Valuations
1919-----	1155-----	\$5,369,742
1920-----	522-----	2,939,205
1921-----	687-----	2,798,537
1922-----	560-----	2,659,710
1923-----	975-----	3,945,620
1924-----	2089-----	9,059,128
1925 (first 6 months)---	1406-----	7,453,419

Not included in these statistics are the capital expenditures of the several units of the United States Steel Corporation, notably that of the National Tube Company whose \$21,000,000 Gary Works are now in process of construction.

Public, industrial, fraternal, religious, theatrical, utility, commercial and residential construction in progress in July 1925 is in excess of \$35,000,000.

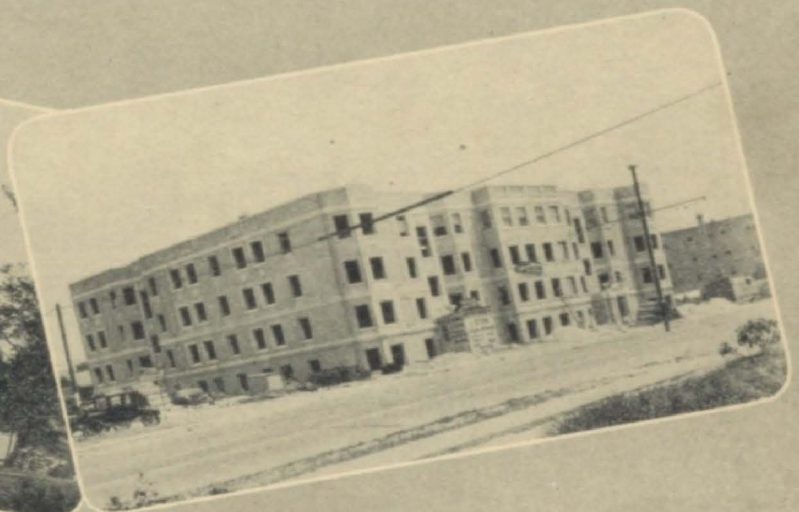
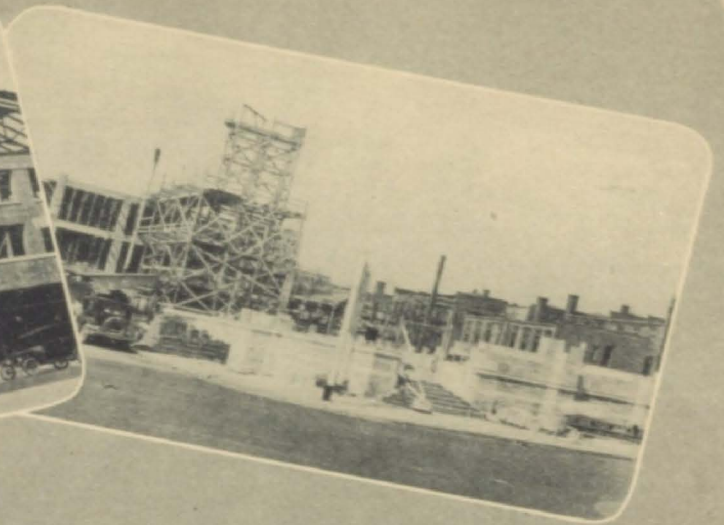
INDUSTRIAL

*Statistics
for Lake
County**

In the value of products manufactured Lake County ranks first among all Indiana Counties.

Number of Establishments-----	358
Average Number of Wage Earners-----	41,233
Wages Paid-----	\$72,997,978
Rents and Taxes-----	37,466,882
Costs of Materials-----	341,333,413
Value of Products-----	520,361,658
Value Added by Manufacture-----	179,028,245
Primary Horsepower-----	464,639

*Statistics for the City of Gary are included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.



NEW CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

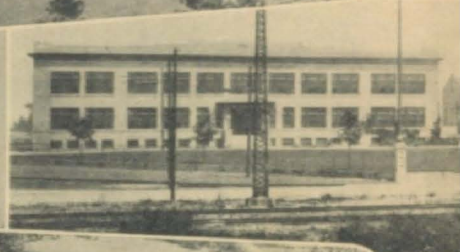
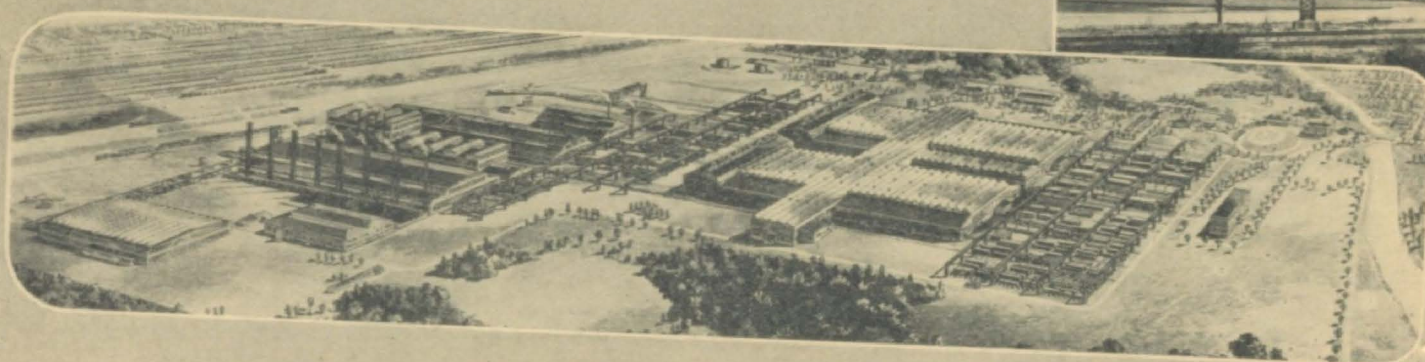
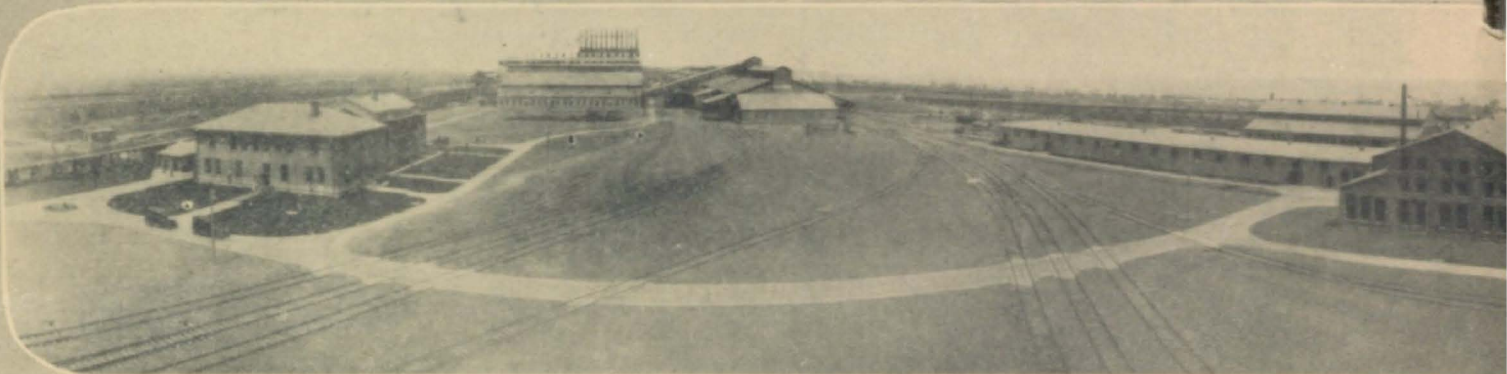
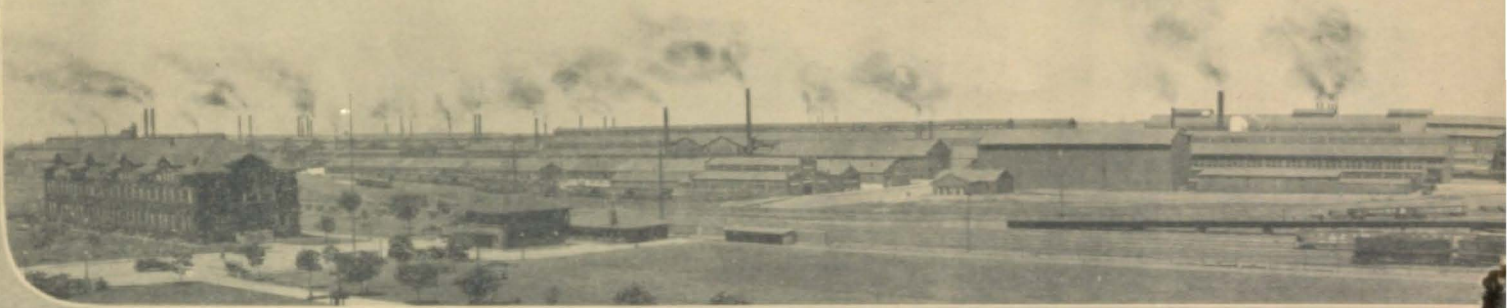
\$1,000,000 PALACE THEATRE

\$700,000 METHODIST CHURCH

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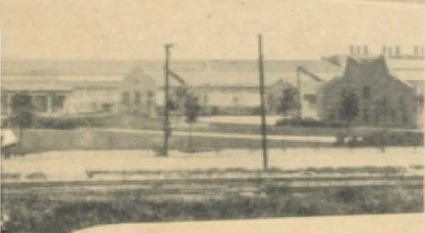
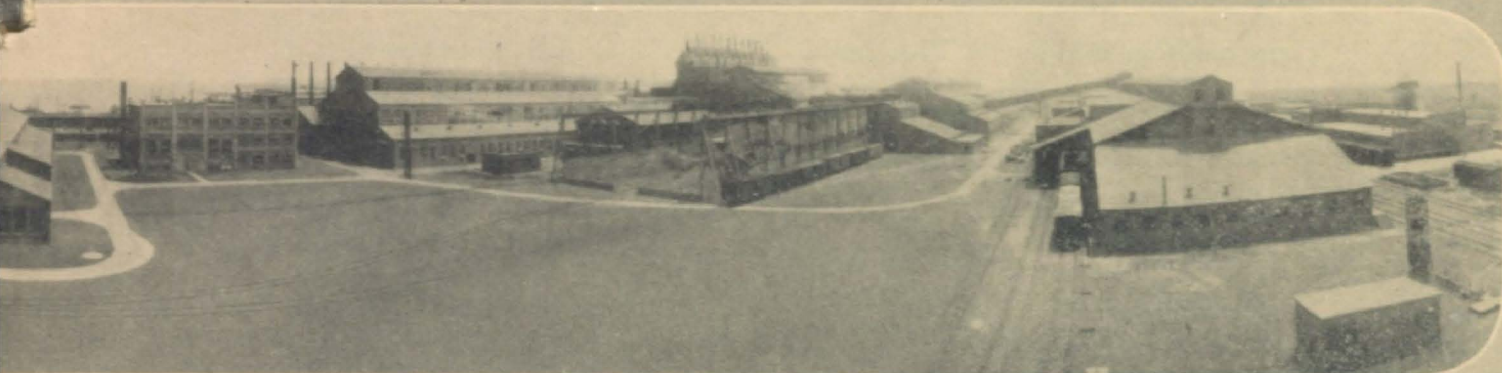
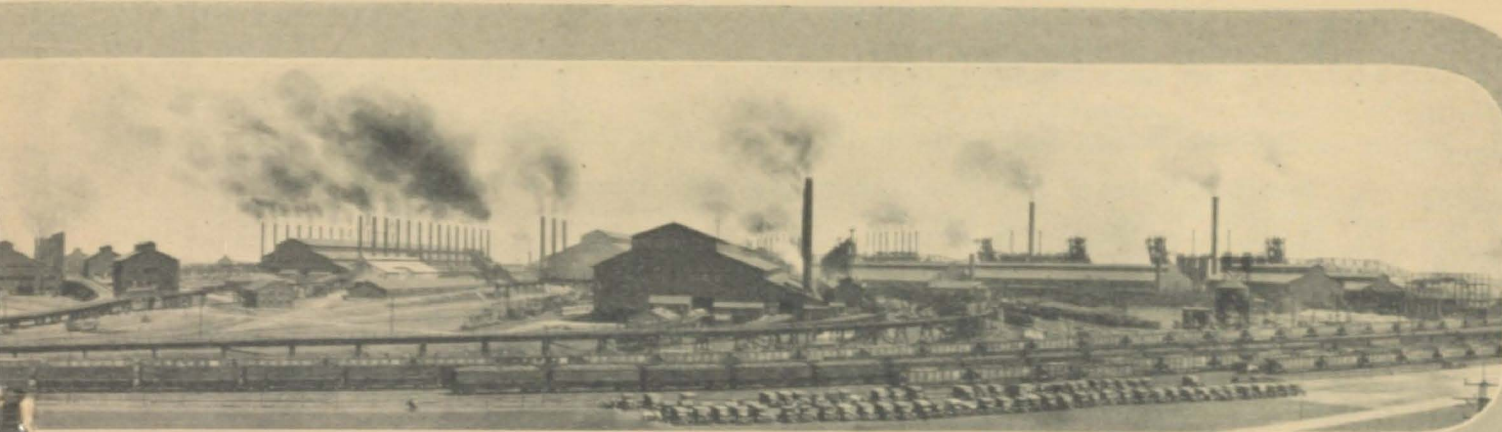
\$250,000 MASONIC TEMPLE

\$200,000 MODERN APARTMENT BUILDING



UNION DRAWN STEEL COMPANY
AMERICAN BRIDGE COMPANY

GARY IN
ILLINOIS STE
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TIN MILL—AMERICAN SHE



INDUSTRIES
L COMPANY
CEMENT COMPANY
& TIN PLATE COMPANY

GARY SCREW & BOLT COMPANY
SHEET MILL—AMERICAN SHEET & TIN PLATE COMPANY

The leading industrial establishments, representing an investment of well over \$150,000,000, and their products are:

American Bridge Company	Structural Steel
American Sheet & Tin Plate Company	Sheet Steel and Tin Plate
Anderson Company, The	Anco Timers, Capping Machines
Calumet Gas & Electric Company	Heat and Power
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad	Car Maintenance
Gary Heat, Light & Water Company	Heat, Light, Power and Water
Gary Motors Corporation	Motor Trucks
Gary Sanitary Bedding & Mattress Co.	Bedding and Mattresses
Gary Screw & Bolt Company	Bolts, Nuts, Screws and Rivets
Gary Street Railway Company	Transportation
Illinois Steel Company	Rails, Bar Mill Products, Rounds, Squares, Hexagons, Ovals, Flats, Bands, Tire and Vehicle Spring Steel, Strip Steel, Rolled Structural Shapes, Tie Plate, Splice Bars, Concrete Bars, Nut Flats, Window Sash and Fence Posts, Rivet, Bolt and Screw Stock, Drop Forged Steel, Rolled Steel Wheels, Axles, Coke, Tar, Ammonia Liquor, Ammonium Sulphate, Napthalene, Motor Benzol, Solvent Napthalene, Pure Benzol, Pure Toluol, Pig Iron and Blast Furnace Products, Open Hearth Steel, Billets, Blooms, Slabs and Sheet Bars, Plates
Kernchen-Arex Ventilator Company	Ventilators
National Tube Company	Steel Tubing
Schleicher, Inc.	Art Metal Radiator Covers
Union Drawn Steel Company	Cold Drawn Steel
Universal-Portland Cement Company	Cement

The combined annual payroll of these industries is over \$55,000,000.

A majority of the industries located in Gary are served by the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad. Industries not located on this line are served by one or more of the trunk line railways.

Sites

Industrial sites, ranging in area from one to 100 acres, are available at very moderate prices.

Space

A limited amount of desirable rental space is also available at moderate rental on long or short-term lease.

RETAIL

Prices

In quality, selection and price of merchandise, Gary's 1000 stores compare favorably with those of Chicago and other cities in the Calumet region. Low overhead costs and accessibility to markets enable many Gary merchants to undersell Chicago stores.

Lines of Business

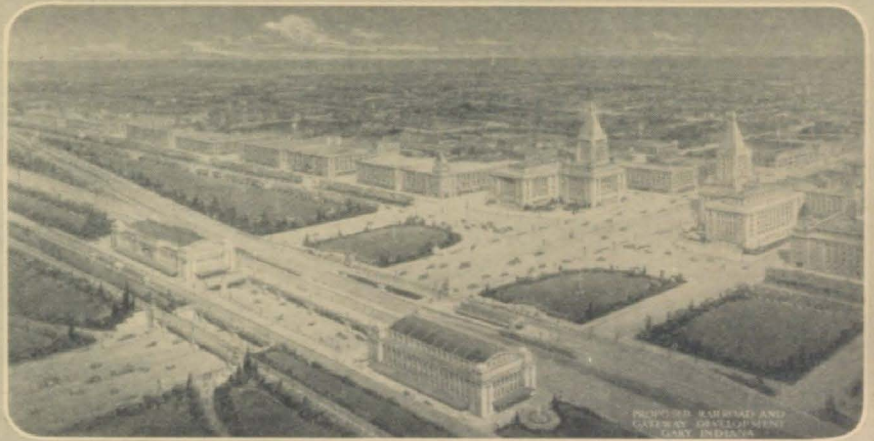
The lines of business and the number engaged in each are as follows:

- 11 General Stores and Department Stores.
- 29 Carpenters, Contractors, Roofers, Builders, Builders' Supplies, Masons, Planing Mills and Sash and Blinds.
- 97 Automobile Manufacturers, Dealers, Supplies, Garages and Repair Shops, also Bicycles and Motorcycles.
- 100 Bakers and Confectioners.
- 12 Wholesale & Retail Produce, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Creameries, Fruit & Vegetables.
- 1 Crockery, China & Glassware.
- 5 Pianos, Organs, Music & Musical Instruments.
- 4 Fancy Goods, Varieties & Toys.
- 14 Painters, Paint & Oil, Dealers, Varnishes & Paper Hanging.
- 14 Plumbers, Plumbers' Supplies, Lead Pipe, Steam and Gas Fitters & Gas Fixtures.
- 2 Carriages, Wagonmakers, Wheelwrights, Blacksmiths and Livery.
- 76 Cloth, Clothing, Tailors, Men's Furnishing Goods, Hats & Caps.
- 23 General Hardware, House Furnishing Goods, Tin, Stoves, Agricultural Implements, Camps, Windmills, Guns & Sporting Goods.
- 27 Foundries, Steam Forges, Machinery, Engines, Boilers, Car Wheels, Metals, Telephone, Machinists, Railroad & Electrical Supplies.
- 37 Dry Goods, Carpets, Smallware, Notions & Millinery.
- 35 Furniture, Undertaking & Upholstering.
- 7 Lumber Dealers and Saw Mills.
- 19 Coal, Wood, Ice & Refrigerating.
- 33 Boots, Shoes, Tanners, Hides, Leather & Findings.
- 3 Saddlery, Hardware, Harness & Trunks.
- 299 Groceries, Provisions, Teas, Coffees & Spices.
- 16 Cigars & Tobacco.
- 12 Books, Paper, Stationers, Printers, Publishers, Lithographers, Paper Boxes & Book Binders.
- 5 Nurserymen, Florists, Fertilizers and Seeds.
- 132 Bottlers, Beverages, Hotels & Restaurants.
- 13 Jewelers, Watchmakers & Opticians.
- 30 Drugs & Patent Medicines.
- 7 Flour & Grist Mills, Hay, Grain, Flour & Feed Dealers.
- 4 Power Laundries.

CITY PLAN

City Planning Commission

In 1919 the City appointed a City Planning Commission to develop a comprehensive city plan for the future growth of the City of Gary. The Commission employed Messrs. Bennett & Parsons, architects and city planners, of Chicago, to assist in the project, and the plan was submitted for adoption by the City.



GARY GATEWAY AND RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

Gary Gateway

In March 1924 the Gary Commercial Club launched the Gary Gateway and Railway Development, providing for the erection of new freight and passenger facilities, the opening and widening of new streets and boulevards, and the beautification of that territory lying between Fifth Avenue and the properties of the Illinois Steel Company. The plan has been approved by civic and commercial bodies and adopted by the City.

Zoning Ordinance

On April 6, 1925 the Common Council adopted the comprehensive zoning ordinance prepared by the City Planning Commission. The ordinance is modern in every respect and meets fully the requirements of the City.

STREETS

Lighting

The business district contains 20 blocks of ornamental lights, and contract has been let for an additional 15 blocks on Fifth Avenue between Broadway and Johnson Street.



VAN BUREN AT SEVENTH



WEST SIXTH AT MADISON

<i>Appearance</i>	A majority of the electric and telephone service wires in the business district are distributed through underground conduits, thereby reducing the element of hazard and making the streets more sightly. Power and electric poles are located wherever possible in alleys and are reduced to a minimum through joint use by utilities.
<i>Track Elevation</i>	The New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio and part of the Indiana Harbor Belt Line tracks are elevated throughout the city. The City Plan and the Gateway Plan recommend the elevation of other tracks within the city.
<i>Traffic</i>	All vehicles using the streets are subject to the enforcement of modern traffic rules.
<i>Names</i>	Streets west of and parallel to Broadway are named for the presidents of the United States in the order of their election. Streets east of and parallel to Broadway are named for the states of the Union. Intersecting streets east and west are numbered consecutively from north to south.
<i>Mileage</i>	There are 155.35 miles of improved streets, 15 miles of boulevards, 178.45 miles of unimproved streets, 22.88 miles of paved alleys. The 144.71 miles of sidewalks are uniformly of cement.
<i>Bridges</i>	The City does not maintain a Bridge Department due to the fact that the four bridges over the Grand Calumet River are owned and maintained by the Illinois Steel Company. The bridges over the Little Calumet River are maintained by Lake County.

E D U C A T I O N

'Gary Plan' Through the rapid adoption throughout the country of the now famous 'Gary Plan,' known also as the platoon or work-study-play system, the Gary Public Schools have come to occupy a position of recognized educational leadership.

It is the purpose of the 'Gary Plan' to offer, commencing with the first grade and continuing through high school, educational opportunities scientifically designed to develop to the highest possible degree the mental, physical and vocational capabilities of the individual student.

In addition to excellent academic instruction, features of the 'Gary Plan' are the opportunities offered for healthful physical development and for natural selection by the individual student of vocational courses.

Under the 'Gary Plan' academic instruction is available 48 weeks and physical training 52 weeks per year, 6½ days per week. The 'Gary Plan' not only allows the School City to make full use of its facilities, but provides for careful supervision of students in work, study and play.

Public Schools

Units For administrative purposes, the Gary Public Schools are divided into the following units: Kindergarten, Elementary, High, Saturday, Evening and Summer Schools. High school courses are offered in 5, elementary subjects in all of the 18 schools.

Investment In the 18 elementary and high school units the investment in buildings, property and equipment is well over \$3,500,000.

Teachers There are 368 teachers regularly employed, at an average salary of \$2,050.00.

Textbooks All books and equipment are supplied by the School City at nominal rentals.

Enrollment The following enrollment in 1924-25 gives the City of Gary fifth place among all Indiana cities:

Elementary -----	12,896
High -----	1,505
Parochial -----	2,682
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	17,083

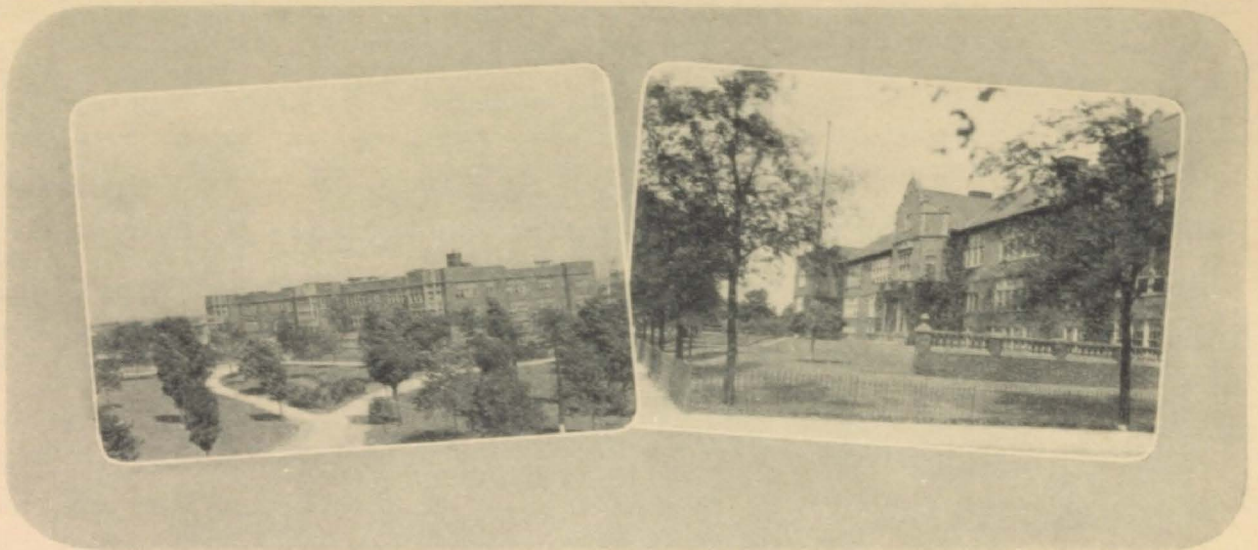
Elementary In the elementary schools, one hour a day is devoted to vocational instruction and one or more hours a day to physical training as part of the regular curriculum.

High In the high schools, as part of the curriculum, vocational training is offered in the following courses: animal husbandry, automobile mechanics, band and orchestra, commerce, forge, foundry, machine shop, printing, shoe repairing, cooking, millinery and sewing.

Saturday and Summer Features of the Gary Public Schools are the Saturday and Summer Schools. These offer to all students the opportunity to complete required courses, to carry additional work and to complete subjects of special interest. Attendance is voluntary, yet 75% of the students regularly enrolled attend in addition the Saturday and Summer Schools. All subjects are offered by these Schools.

Physical and Social Recreation The 'Gary Plan' recognizes fully the importance of the healthful physical development of the growing child. Under the 'Gary Plan' a certain portion of the school day is spent regularly either on the playground or in the gymnasium in supervised play.

The playground space per pupil approximates 580 square feet. Modern playground and gymnasium apparatus and other outdoor and indoor physical training equipment represent an investment of nearly \$50,000.



FROEBEL SCHOOL

EMERSON SCHOOL

*Medical
Inspection
Department*

The Medical Inspection Department, with a competent staff of 9, including 2 Doctors of Medicine and 5 nurses, make regular physical examinations of students, care for the sanitary condition of school properties, administer free vaccination against smallpox, diphtheria and scarlet fever and perform the other duties of the Department.

*Dental
Inspection*

Through the courtesy of a number of Gary dentists, free dental examinations are made of all students who require such service.

Bands

The Gary School Band of 450 pieces, and the Gary School Orchestra, of 180 pieces, completely equipped and uniformed, are worthy of especial mention, as are 3 companies of Junior R. O. T. C., in command of a U. S. A. Captain of Infantry with several assistants.

R. O. T. C.

*Parents'
Community
Meetings*

Weekly community meetings for parents are held regularly in the various schools, at which motion pictures, school plays, or musical entertainments are customarily provided.

Parochial Schools

Nine parochial schools offer excellent academic elementary instruction to 2,680 Gary students. Holy Angels' Catholic School offers, in addition, two years of high school instruction.

Church School

By agreement with the Gary Public Schools, any student may attend, by direction of his parents, the Church School, a school of religious instruction, supported voluntarily by churches and citizens.

Special Schools

In addition to the elementary and high schools, the School City operates the following schools for more mature students: Continuation, Adult, Evening, Sunday and University Extension.

*Continu-
ation*

In the Continuation School, academic, commercial and vocational courses are offered to students between the ages of 14 and 17 who are able to attend school but part time.

- Adult* In the Adult School, the same excellent academic, commercial and vocational courses are offered to adult students as to the elementary and high school students.
- Evening* In the Evening School, courses are offered in elementary, high school, commercial and vocational subjects, social and club activities, band and orchestra, health education, auditorium programs and physiotherapy class and clinic.
- Sunday* In the Sunday School, the courses are confined largely to physical and social recreation.
- University* Full credit is given by Indiana University and the University of Chicago for all work completed in the University Extension Department. Credits are transferable to all colleges and universities, and the comprehensive program of this Department reduces the cost of a University education to a minimum.
- Enrollment* The enrollment in the special schools in 1924 was:

Continuation	205
Adult Day.....	733
Evening	11,658
University Extension.....	423
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	13,019

Business Colleges

Gary Business College

The Gary Business College, a private institution, offers commercial secretarial, administrative and accounting courses of a high standard. Five instructors, using the most modern methods and equipment, offer excellent training for business careers. The average enrollment is 200.

Resume

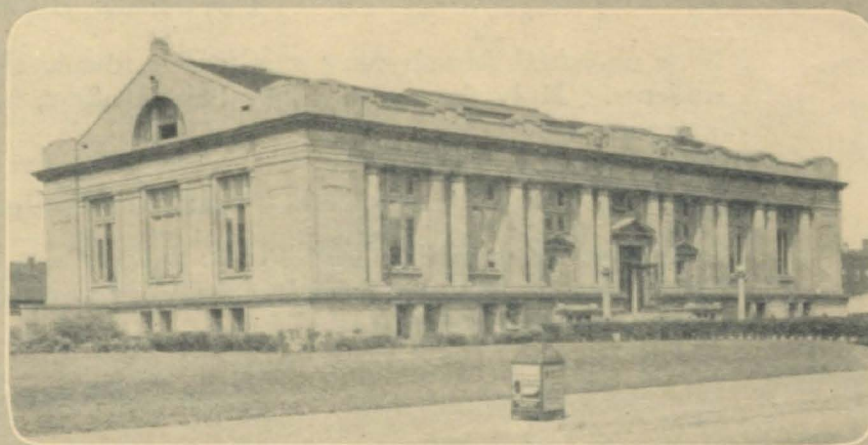
The pride of Gary is its excellent school system. The buildings, equipment and staff are the best obtainable. No expense is spared to provide and maintain educational advantages second to none, and Gary is proud to compare its schools with any in the United States.

LIBRARY

Gary Public Library

The Gary Public Library, representing in the Central Building and 13 city and rural branches and 2 stations an investment of \$325,000, is an invaluable educational and cultural asset to the city.

The Library staff numbers 30 persons; in 1924 the volumes owned were 110,000, the circulation 485,665, the registered borrowers 32,431, the total expenditures \$85,000.



GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSPAPERS

Gary Post- Tribune

The educational value of the Gary Post-Tribune, the leading daily newspaper, is worthy of especial note. With an average daily circulation of 15,948, the Gary Post-Tribune is a potent force in the life of the community.

HEALTH

City Health Depart- ment

In the City Health Department are 1 commissioner, 1 food inspector, 2 sanitary inspectors, 1 plumbing inspector, 1 matron, 1 nurse, 1 clerk, and in the laboratory 1 chemist with 1 assistant.

Laboratory

The City maintains a modern laboratory for the inspection and analysis of milk, water and food and for the control of contagious diseases.

Milk from each dairy is examined weekly for percentages of butter fat and bacteria; dairy cows must pass a tuberculin test and employees a medical examination.

Food and water are also subjected to regular and frequent inspections and examinations.

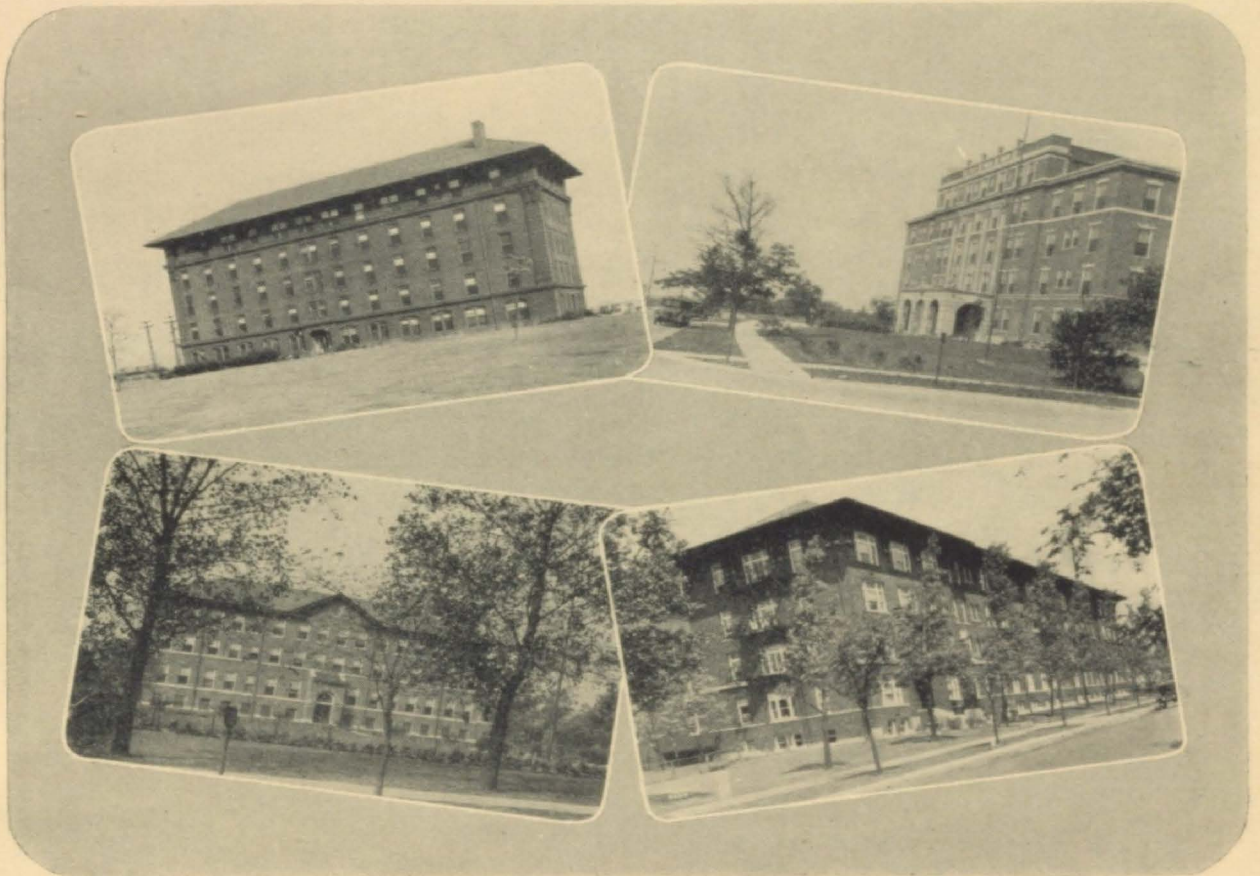
Sewage

Sewage is disposed of through the Grand and Little Calumet Rivers. While facilities are adequate for present needs, a survey is being conducted by the City to ascertain and provide for requirements of the next 25 years. There are at present 47 district and 124 local sewers and 93,18 miles of mains.

Garbage

Garbage is collected and disposed of by contract, a method more efficient and economical in Gary than disposition by the City.

Hospitals



GARY HOSPITALS
ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY METHODIST
NURSES' HOME—MERCY

Mercy Hospital, erected in 1914 at a cost of \$450,000, has a capacity of 140 beds and operates a school for nurses. The Nurses' Home, completed in May 1924 at a cost of \$150,000, accommodates 60 nurses.

Methodist Hospital, completed in 1923 at a cost of \$400,000, has a capacity of 100 beds and operates a school for nurses. Funds have been procured for the construction of an industrial wing with a capacity of 100 beds and of a nurses' home with accommodations for 50 nurses, at a cost of \$343,000 and \$57,000 respectively.

St. Antonio Hospital, incorporated in 1916, has a capacity of 50 beds and operates a school for nurses.

The Illinois Steel Company maintains a modern hospital for the care and use of its employees.

Clinics

The Lake County Tubercular Society conducts monthly free clinics for tubercular patients, and the Friendship House conducts baby, dental, medical, and eye, ear, nose and throat clinics through the courtesy of Gary specialists.

Vital Statistics

The death rate in the city of Gary, from all causes, in 1924 was 11.3 per 1,000 population. This rate would be materially decreased by the establishment of modern hospitals in neighboring towns. The percentage of deaths from contagious diseases is comparatively low and the general health of the city is excellent. The birth rate in 1924 was 36.86 per 1,000 population.

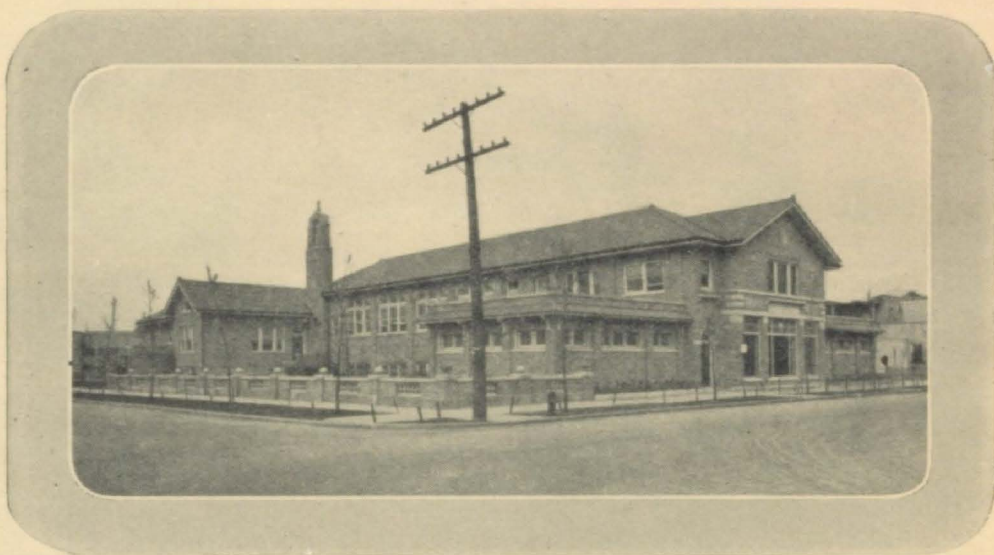
SOCIAL AGENCIES

Settlement Houses

The leading settlement houses are:

Judge Gary - Bishop Alerding Settlement House, Roman Catholic, completed in 1924 at a cost of \$150,000; Campbell Settlement (Friendship House), Methodist Episcopal, dedicated in 1914; Neighborhood

House, Presbyterian, erected in 1909 at a cost of \$75,000; Harris Home and Stewart House, both for colored children.



GARY-ALERDING SETTLEMENT HOUSE

In addition to the settlement houses, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other organizations maintain excellent relief agencies.

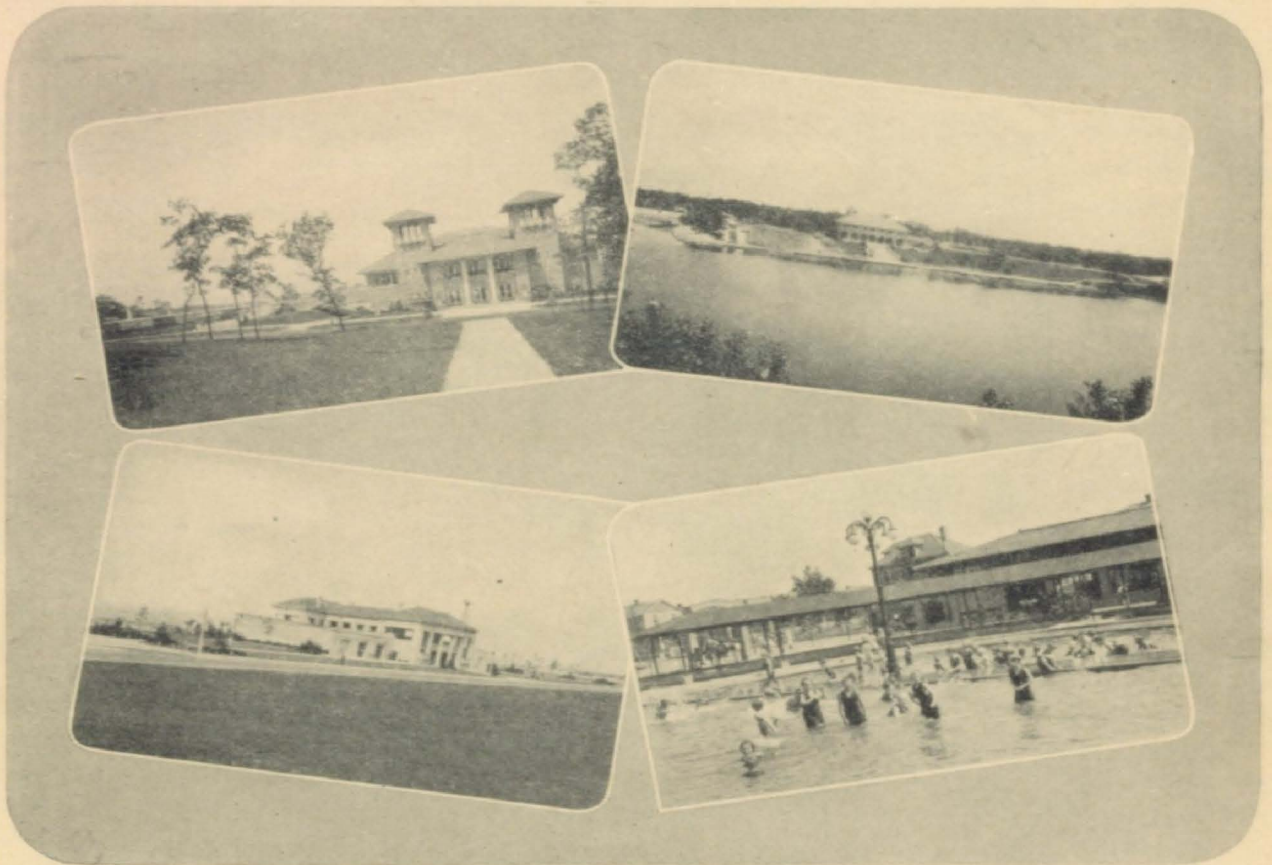
RECREATION

Parks

Five well-improved municipal parks, containing a total of 525 acres, all located within the city limits, comprise the Gary park system.

In the West Side park are located the offices of the park commissioner and public comfort stations; in the East Side park is a municipal band stand where concerts are given during the summer months; in Tyler Park is a large pavilion for outdoor dancing and concerts; in Tolleston park are baseball and football fields, tennis courts and a large pavilion for dancing.

One of the most attractive spots in Gary is the new Lake Front park, located on Lake Michigan in the eastern section of the city. 150 acres of natural woodland slope gradually down to a level beach 2 miles long on which a new \$160,000 municipal bathing pavilion has recently been erected. A new \$200,000 recreation pavilion, containing a ball room, a restaurant, rest rooms for men and women for use in both summer and winter has just been completed.



TWO VIEWS OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION PAVILION
MUNICIPAL BATHING BEACH JACKSON STREET PLAYGROUNDS

Calumet Park, located in the southern section of the city on the Little Calumet River, is now under construction and will contain when completed an 18-hole municipal golf course, baseball and football fields, tennis courts and other facilities designed to make it a large recreational center.

Play- grounds

Jackson Playground contains complete playground equipment, comfort stations, a baseball field, tennis courts and a wading pool.

*Physical
and Social
Recreation*

The Physical Training Department of the Gary Public Schools recognizes fully the importance of healthful physical and social recreation not only for the growing child but for the adult citizen as well. Among the activities offered throughout the year are: Basketball, baseball, indoor baseball, volley ball, soccer, track and field games, wrestling, ice skating, hockey, horse shoes, archery, croquet, bowling, water baseball, swimming and tennis.

Social, aesthetic, gymnastic and folk dancing, auditorium programs, physical training demonstrations, and assistance to local industrial social and athletic associations are features of the valuable service rendered by this Department through its year-round program.

*Athletic
Field*

On Gleason Field, owned and maintained by the Illinois Steel Company, are held the athletic contests, R. O. T. C. drills and similiar events.

*Gym-
nasiums*

Gymnasiums, maintained in the elementary, high and parochial schools, the \$560,000 Y. M. C. A., the \$100,000 Y. W. C. A., the new \$100,000 113th Regiment Engineers' Armory and certain of the settlement houses, afford ample opportunity for indoor recreation.



GARY Y. M. C. A.

GARY Y. W. C. A.

113TH REGIMENT ENGINEERS' ARMORY

Boy Scouts

A \$14,000 summer and winter camp for the use of 24 well-organized troops of Boy Scouts is maintained at Tremont, 16 miles east of the city.

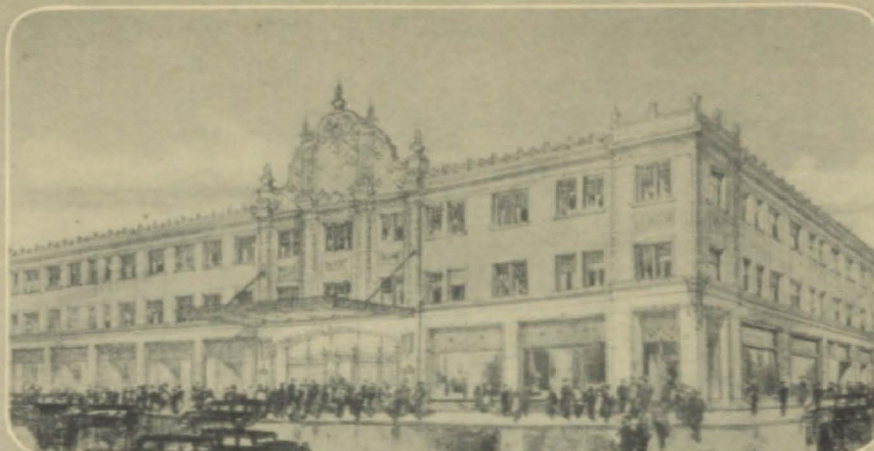
Camp Sites

A motor camp site for the tourists is maintained by the Gary Commercial Club and the City of Gary on East Fifth Avenue.

Theaters

Eight well-appointed theaters provide excellent motion-picture and theatrical programs.

The new \$1,000,000 Palace Theater will be opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1925.



NEW PALACE THEATRE *

SOCIAL

Clubs

Chief among the social organizations are the Gary Country Club, the Indian Ridge Golf Club and the Gary Commercial Club.

A well-appointed club house and an 18-hole golf course are maintained by the Gary Country Club. A 9-hole golf course is maintained by the Indian Ridge Golf Club. The usual club facilities, including a cafe, are maintained by the Gary Commercial Club.



ELKS' CLUB



GARY COUNTRY CLUB

Club rooms are also maintained by the Masons, Elks, Moose, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Building Trades Unions, and many other social and fraternal organizations.

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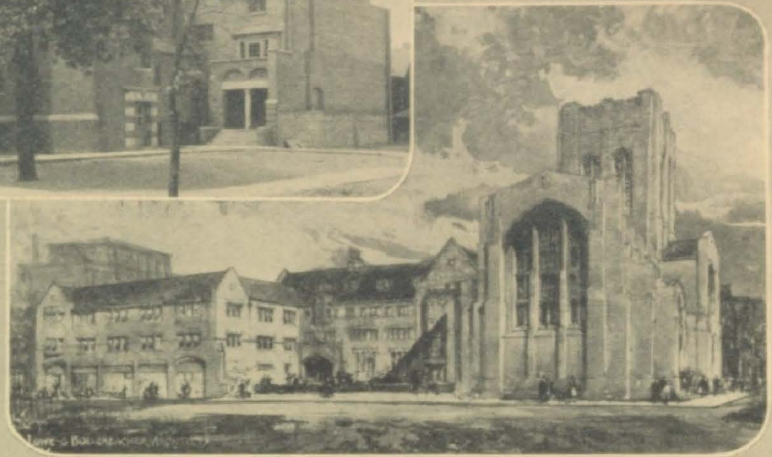
Other leading civic organizations include the American Business, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists and Rotary Clubs and the Gary Woman's Club.

Approximately 75 other social, charitable, civic, fraternal, patriotic, professional and religious organizations also offer excellent opportunities for social intercourse.

RELIGIOUS

Churches

Sixty-three churches minister to the spiritual needs of the city: Protestant, 39; Catholic, 11; Greek Orthodox, 4; Hebrew, 2; Miscellaneous, 7.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH

* FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GENERAL

Gary occupies a position unique in the history of American cities. Founded in 1906, its unparalleled growth in nineteen years to a city of 82,000 makes it one of the industrial wonders of the twentieth century. Gary, however, is not merely a material city of brick and mortar, commerce and industry. Here is found the highest type of American citizenship, united in determination to maintain and develop in and for Gary that priceless possession; civic character.

"GARY MINE," dedicated by its author, Tom Cannon, to the spirit of Gary, is indicative of the Soul of the City:

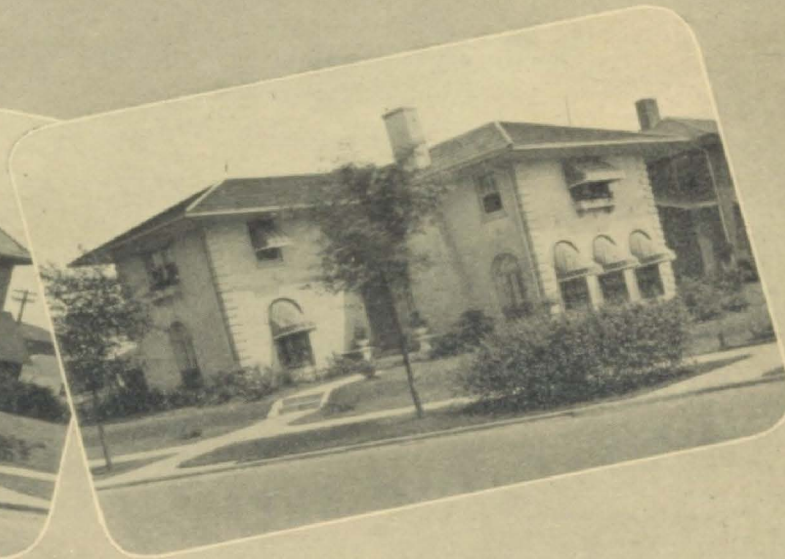
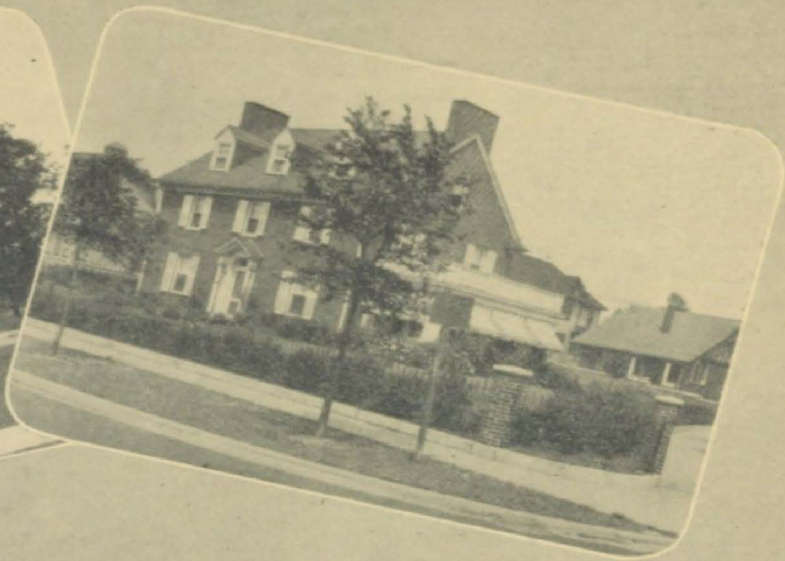
City born of man's divining,
On thy brow the stars are shining,
In thy never-dying fires,
On thine altars, 'neath thy spires,
Lives the faith of sons and sires,
Gary Mine.

In thy pillared smoke uprising,
Dwells the soul of thy emprising,
Hands of steel and heart of gold,
Swift of purpose, strong and bold,
Thy wondrous story ne'er grows old,
Gary Mine.

The Chamber of Commerce

Numbering as its members 700 of the leading business and professional men of the city, The Chamber of Commerce is actively engaged in promoting the best civic, commercial and industrial welfare of the City of Gary.

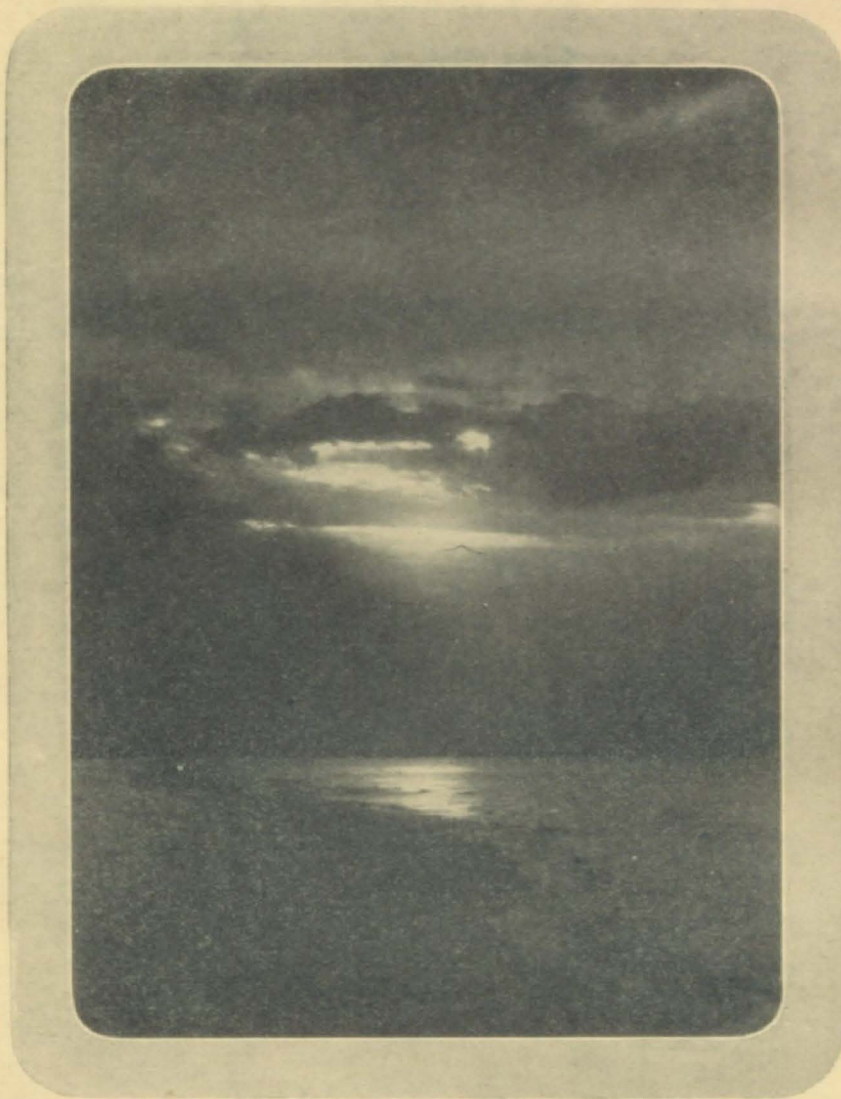
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